



Archie C. Towle is pictured in a 1938 photo, at the age of 38 in an American Legion plane.

Archie Towle was born in Merrill, WI, in 1900. He served in the Army as a truck mechanic during World War I. After returning from the war in 1920, he came to Wausau and continued to be a mechanic.

His interest then turned to aviation and he soloed on May 16, 1929, thus beginning a Towle family tradition. One summer early in his flying career, Archie taught his wife, Margaret, and their daughter, Marie, then a mere 16 years of age, to fly. Since that time, seventeen of his descendants have learned to fly, most taking their solo flight on or near their 16th birthday.

Archie Towle was instrumental in the early development of Wausau's Alexander Municipal Airport, which later became known as the Wausau Downtown Airport. As a flight instructor, he logged over 3,000 flying hours. When he passed away in 1945, his daughter, Marie, and her husband took over management of the airport until 1970. Archie and Marie were both inducted into the Wisconsin Aviation Hall of Fame in October of 2003.

The Archie C. Towle Aviation Endowment Fund was formed in 1998 within the Community Foundation of North Central Wisconsin to provide scholarships for aviation students to receive flight or maintenance training. Initial funding was made in honor of Archie's oldest son, Larry P. Towle. The fund continues to be supported by the Towle family and those organizations interested in supporting the purpose for which this scholarship was created.



ARCHIE C. TOWLE AVIATION SCHOLARSHIP

PURPOSE

The Archie C. Towle Aviation Endowment Fund was established to honor the memory of Archie C. Towle while continuing to promote the advancement of aviation as a career. The fund annually awards scholarships to students living within a 50 mile radius of the Wausau area who demonstrate financial need, ability, and a desire to pursue a career in the field of aviation.

APPLICATION PROCESS

Apply online by visiting our website at cfoncw.org. Click on "Grants & Scholarships" / "Scholarships" / "Apply Online Now" to reach the online application portal and begin the registration and application process. If this is your first visit to the site, you will need to "Create an Account." If this is a return visit, enter your email address and password. Choose the Archie Towle application from the menu.

APPLICATION DEADLINE March 31

YOUR APPLICATION MUST INCLUDE:

- Transcript of most recent grades
- List of extracurricular activities (downloadable form online)
- Two reference letters

ELIGIBILITY

- Resident living within a 50 mile radius of the greater Wausau area
- Demonstrating an ability and strong desire to pursue a career in aviation
- The recipient must be able to pass at least a 2nd class FAA medical examination for flight training. No exam is necessary for maintenance training

AVIATION FIELDS INCLUDE (BUT ARE NOT LIMITED TO):

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| • Airline Pilot | • Mechanical Engineer |
| • Aircraft Mechanic | • Flight Instructor |
| • Air Traffic Controller | • Airport Manager |
| • Aerospace Engineer | • Flight Surgeon |
| • Astronaut | • Electronics Technician |
| • Aeronautical Engineer | |

ANNOUNCEMENT

All applicants will be notified of the status of their application following the Selection Committee's meeting. The recipient/s will receive a congratulatory letter from the Community Foundation instructing them on how to receive their scholarship funding.

PAYMENT OF SCHOLARSHIP

Scholarship funds will be paid by the Community Foundation directly to the institution where instruction is to occur upon receipt of proof of services (such as flight hours logged or proof of registration in an aviation-related educational program). The scholarship must be requested within one year of notification of receipt of the award, unless other arrangements are agreed upon.